

The U.S.-China Business Council recently unveiled a new project to calculate U.S.-China trade figures by congressional district. In 2006, Illinois' 10th Congressional District saw \$30 million in export to China-a \$6 million increase from the previous year. From 2000 to 2006, growth in exports from our district to China increased nearly 500 percent. Manufacturing accounts for the top district export sector with \$18 million, followed by chemicals, fabricated metal products, processed foods and machinery. I encourage you to read more about the Chicago-area ties to China on the [Chicago Sister Cities Web site](#) .